

Transition Black Isle AGM November 2022

Convenor's Report – Julian Paren



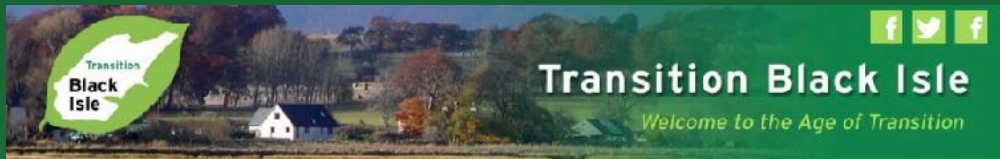
The Transition Movement invites us to reimagine and bring to life a new story about how we live as members of the Earth family.

Using less - respecting more



Promoting the message

Thanks to Peter Moffatt, Sheila Currie and Anne Thomas



Newsletter - November 2022

TBI is everyone who reads this, everyone who comes to a market, plants some tatties, presses some apples, uses one of our Travel Maps etc etc; casual friends, active supporters, leader of a project, Trustees.

Welcome to new subscribers who signed up at the recent Black Isle Gathering!

We are nothing without our active members who bring a wider pool of connections and experience to what we do. This newsletter is peppered with calls for members to get involved - why not do it with your friends?

We also have a team of Trustees and every team needs different skills, interests and abilities. The current team of Trustees is superb at developing and delivering projects, keeping track of resources and making sure things happen. We could use one or two people who can tell good stories about what we do, who can make connections with people we don't usually reach, who can say "yes, but what about...?" and who can reach out to members. One of our Trustees (Sheila Currie) is stepping down as a Trustee.



Latest News...

Covid-19 - Local and national information
Regular statements about Covid-19 from the First Minister and the Scottish government have been... [More >>](#)

TBI Annual General Meeting Friday 18 November
Friday 18 November: 6.30 - 9.00
Glaichbeg Croft and on line Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting ... [More >>](#)

Cuibhke Community Market Saturday 19 November
Saturday 19 November: 10.00 - 12.00
Findor Hall And if you live in the ... [More >>](#)



Forthcoming Events...

Monday 14 November

Newsletters – Editors: Sheila Currie and Anne Thomas
Website - Manager: Peter Moffatt - updated with editorials and recent news and newsletters from across Scotland



Promoting the message through revamping the website



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Work in progress

Thanks to Peter Moffatt and colleagues at Plexus Media



Promoting the message through political activity



Anne Thomas stood in the Highland Council election in 2022, and previously in European and Westminster and Holyrood elections



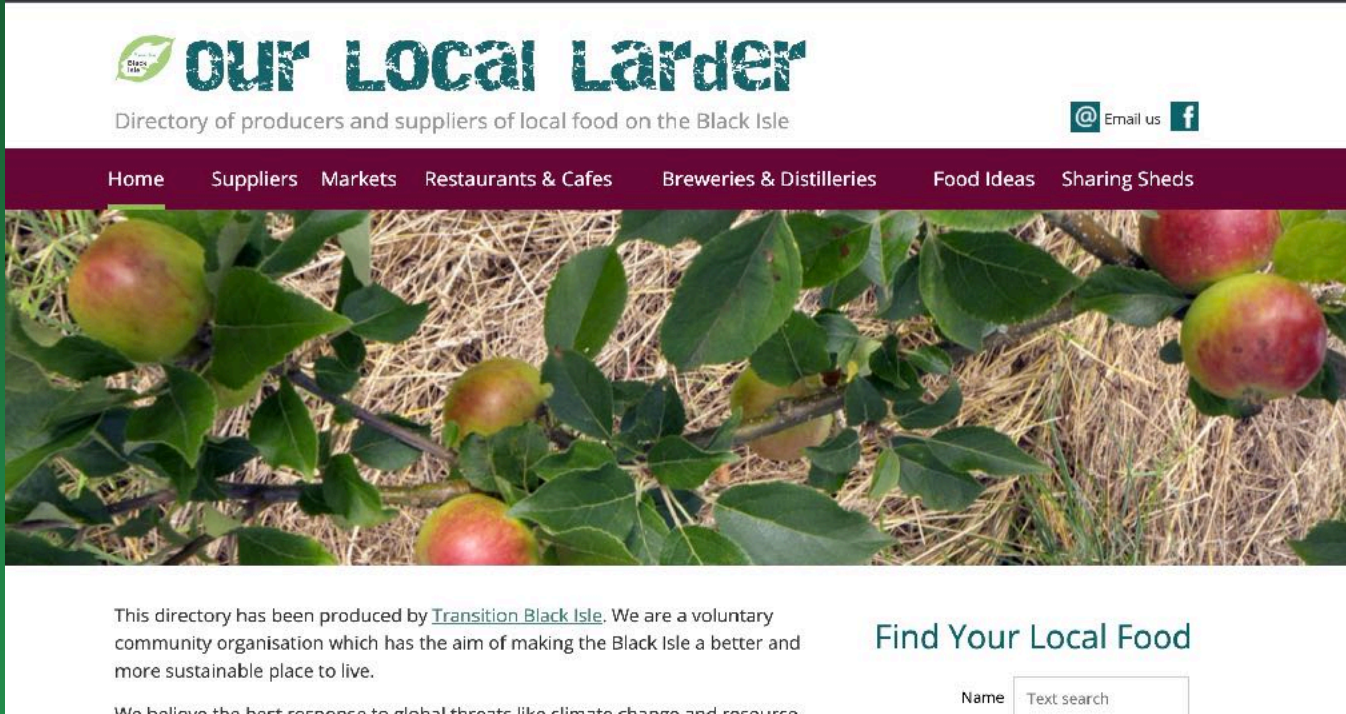
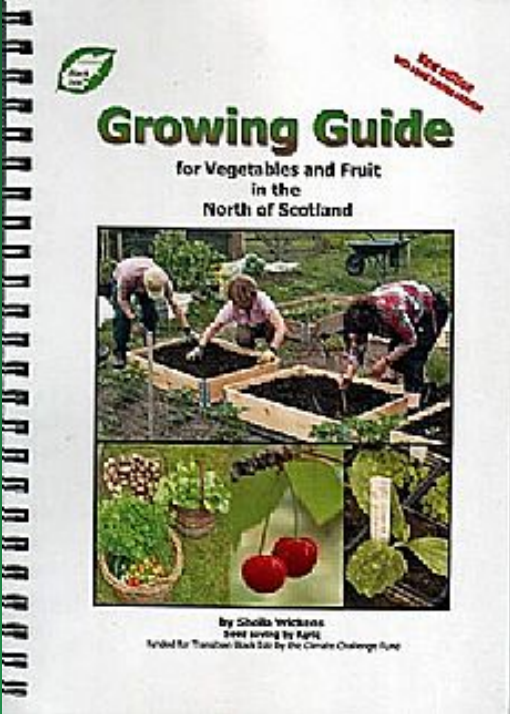
Promoting the message Community Markets and Black Isle Gathering October 8 2022



**For BIG, thanks to Rose Grant and Gillian Newman
Promoting Highland Community Waste Partnership, TBI and
the Black Isle Men's Shed**



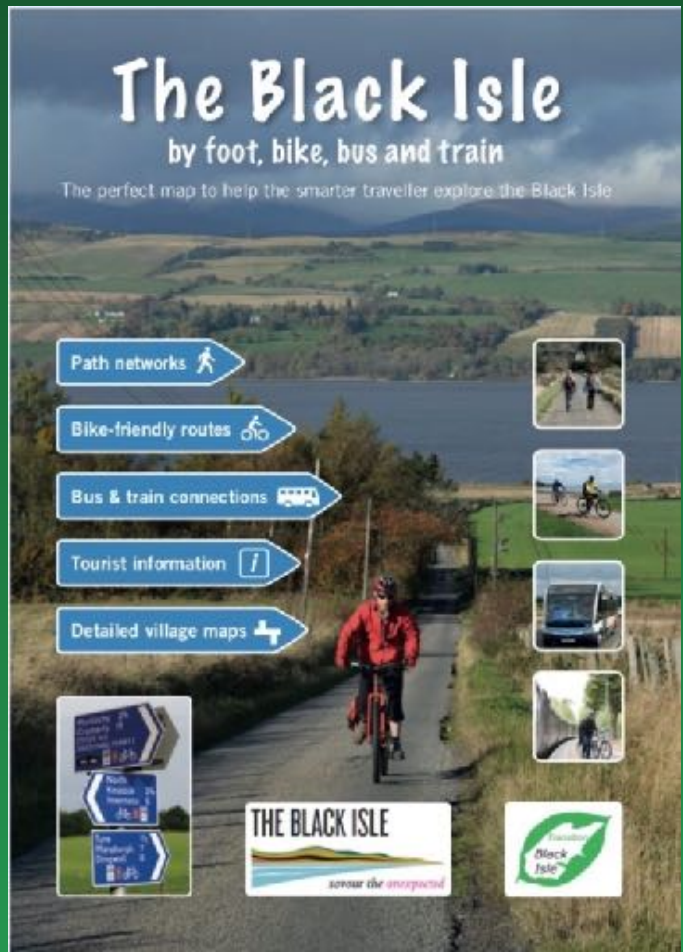
Promoting the message Books and on-line publications



Both reference guides are in demand



Promoting the message Black Isle Map

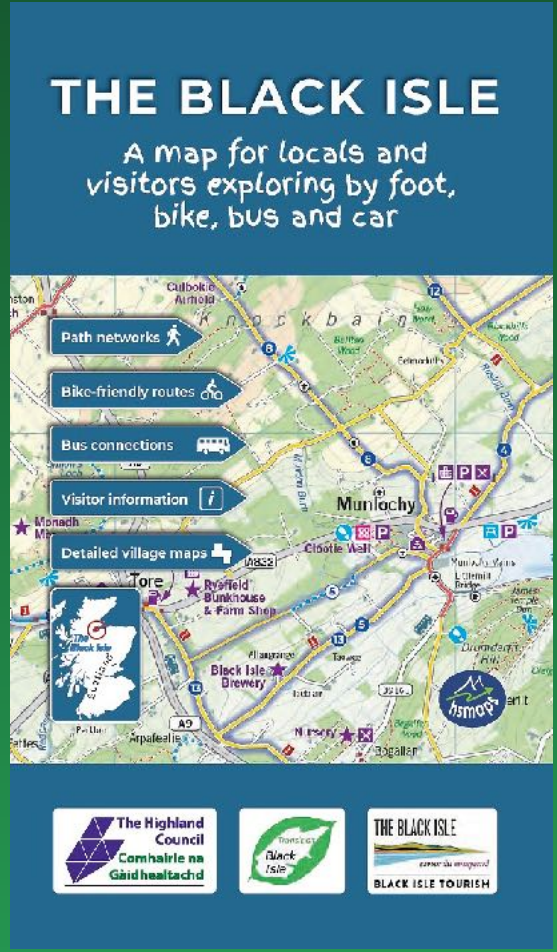


Third Edition

TBI's Active Travel Map becomes the Black Isle Visitor Map

Highland Council funded through Black Isle Tourism

Updated village plans and many more footpaths




Fourth Edition



Promoting the message

Future Communities Highlands and Islands



Future Communities Highlands & Islands

[Contact Us](#)

Building Resilient and Sustainable Communities Together.

Thinking Globally and Acting Locally.

Many great climate and environmental groups exist in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. As we started to learn about each other, it became apparent that not only were our local goals similar, but we were running similar events, all working hard on our own and many times asking the same speakers to talk to us. With so much to do, it seemed most sensible to start working more closely together. And, after a few initial conversations, Future Communities Highlands and Islands was born.

- **Skye Climate Action, Planet Sutherland, Assynt Development Trust, Knoydart Climate Conversations, Lochaber Environmental Group, Transition Black Isle, Thurso Development Trust, Highland Adapts, Highland Council Climate Change Team, North Highlands and Islands Climate Hub.**



TBI Community Markets



- TBI's monthly indoor markets are both continuing post-Covid at Cromarty and North Kessock
- Each market provides an arena for TBI to advertise and interact with the community
- Thank you to the TBI leaders and market organisers
- The Culbokie Community Trust run a monthly market so three Saturdays a month are community market days.



Spring seed potato event



Thanks to our ten Tattie Hosts - Sheila, Maggie, Marcia, Julie, Duncan, Janet, Carola, Clive and Julie, Rhona and Gail – who sold pre-ordered seed potatoes from their homes

Tattie hosts at Culbokie and North Kessock Markets



Grow North



GROW NORTH

Spring 2022

'Growing your own....'

- a series of workshops for those new to growing and the more experienced
- a chance for guidance from experienced tutors along with hands-on practice
- opportunities to meet and exchange tips with others, share ideas
- tea/coffee provided

Organised by Julie Gibson

Four workshops: Native hedging; Propagating seeds; Controlling pests and diseases; Keeping poultry



Avoch to Munlochy Multipurpose Path



- Design process is still incomplete and landowner issues are ongoing
- Highland Council is a partner but no partnership agreement signed - minimal progress made despite HC employing new Active Travel staff
- Sustrans funding not exhausted yet



Black Isle Bikes



- **Black Isle Bikes has provided a hire service for hybrid and e-bikes in Cromarty and at Black Isle Yurts. It is looking for new partners for 2023.**



Heating your home

Three evening events in March 2022



Limited to 60 attendees with breakout sessions

Session 1 Insulation and air quality

Session 2 Low carbon heating

Session 3 Managing the change and financial options



Black Isle Climate Day, 25 June 2022



- 90 attended inaugural Black Isle Repair Cafe
- *Sewing* *Food* *Workshop*





Highland Community Waste Partnership



- TBI is one of eight community groups involved
- Project Officer Lyn McLardy
- TBI Trustee line managing/ organising Rose Grant



Highland Community Waste Partnership Repair Cafes



- Quarterly in different villages

**Broken?
Fix it!**

At the
Black Isle Repair Café

CULBOKIE - 12th November, 1-4pm Findon Hall
FORTROSE - 7th January, 1-4pm Fortrose Free Church

**GENERAL REPAIRS - ELECTRICAL REPAIRS - SEWING
TOOL SHARPENING - COMPUTER CLINIC - BIKE REPAIRS**

Plus tea, coffee, juice & CAKE!

ALL WELCOME!

For more information or to volunteer please get in touch:
blackislerepaircafe@gmail.com



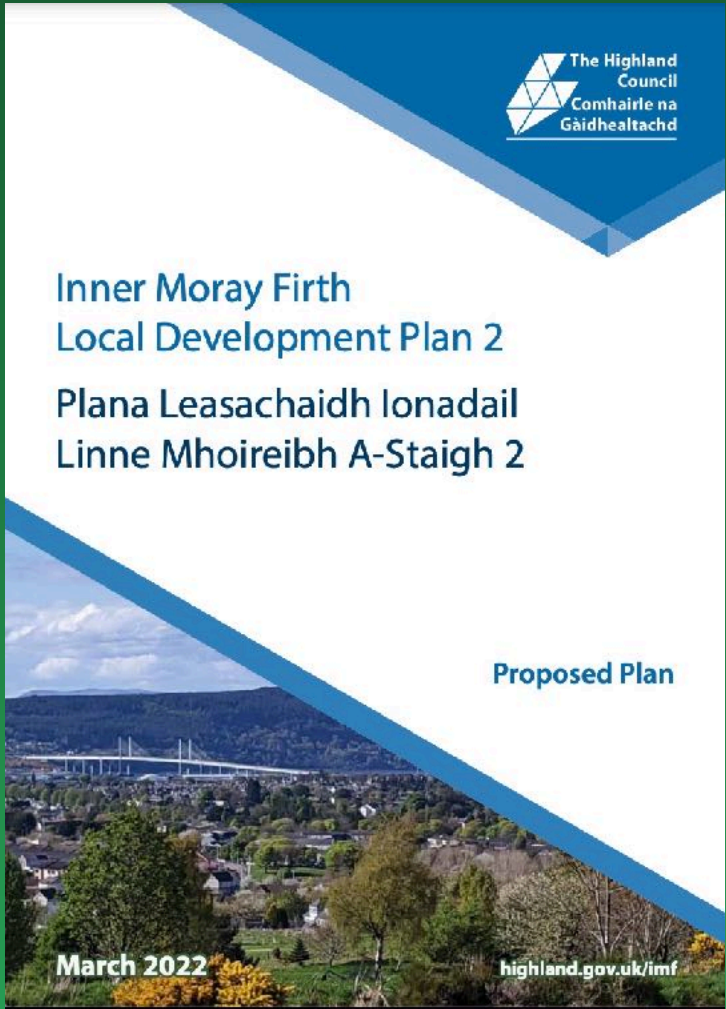
Strategies for the Black Isle



- Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan - Greener
- Black Isle Partnership strategy - Localism
- Black Isle Tourism strategy - Slow Tourism
- The Transition agenda is slowly becoming mainstream
- In 2023 a community-led Place Plan for the Black Isle will be developed for Highland Council and the Scottish Government with Transition Black Isle as a community member



Local and National Consultations



Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2

Active Travel Masterplans for the Inner Moray Firth

Forest and Land Scotland - access to Black Isle estate

John o' Groats Trail

Net Zero Britain



Death of Peter Tilbrook



- Peter was a member of TBI since its inception and took an active role in Potato Days
- He was a world-renowned ecologist
- His advice on the ecology of the Black Isle was forthright and respected as he believed wind turbines should grace the ridge of the Black Isle



Highland Good Food Partnership



Highland Good Food Partnership

@highlandgoodfoodpartnership · Community

[Message Now](#)

Hi! Please let us know how we can help.

- Transition Black Isle was an original sponsor with The Pebble Trust of the Highland Good Food Partnership.
- Now HGFP is a fully funded project with national reach and importance.



The organisation of TBI

Who does what?

Community Markets
Overseeing running of 2 markets.
Liaison with Culbokie market

Contact : Martin Sherring
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Cromarty
Lauren Maclean

North Kessock
Sylvie Main

Travel/ Black Isle Bicycles
Sustainable travel/ Social Enterprise
hiring out bikes and promoting cycling
Contact : Anne Thomas
anne.katherine.thomas@gmail.com

SPACE FOR NEW IDEAS...
What else could we be doing ?
Let us know... Get involved...

Inner Transition
The changes we need to make within ourselves

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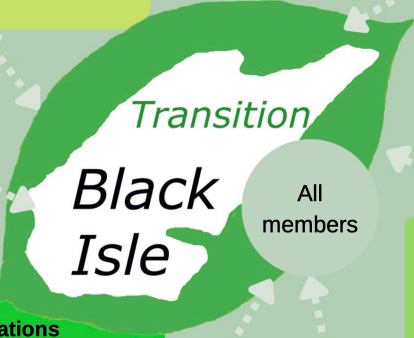
Food and Growing
Potato Day, Seed Swap, Grow North, Apple Press, Black Isle Larder
Contact: Julie Gibson
gibsonjulie28@yahoo.co.uk

Energy
Green Homes, Smart Meters
Draught-proofing

Contact : Martin Sherring
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Transition Talks
Periodic discussion group – range of relevant topics chosen by group
Contact :

Green Films
Periodic transition-related films
Contact :



Repair Cafe initiative

Contact : Christian MacLean
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Waste
Partner in the Highland Community Waste Partnership - a Highland wide project to reduce waste

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Newsletter, website, advertising and Press

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TBI Trustee retirement of Sheila Currie



- Sheila wears so many “hats” that it has been wonderful Sheila has devoted so much time to TBI.
- With Anne Thomas she has kept the monthly newsletter vibrant
- On TBI’s behalf she has responded to many consultations
- She has provided a great source of inspiration to all Trustees



Goodbye to Sheila as a Trustee



Vice Convenor

Julian Paren

Julie Gibson

Martin Sherring

Sheila Currie

Anne Thomas

Peter Moffatt

Rose Grant

Would you care to join us?

- Seven Directors are involved with different local and national groups
- All members need to spread the message of Transition in their daily lives

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From *The Transition Companion* by Rob Hopkins

If we wait for governments to act, it will be too little, too late
If we act as individuals, it'll be too little

But if we act as communities, it just might be enough, just in time